

OHIO STATE SUMMER YOUTH WORK, COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY READINESS PROGRAM



Purpose

Ohio State's Summer Youth Work, College and Community Readiness Program prepares high school students to be successful in the workplace, post-secondary education and community and civic engagement. Through the Summer S.O.A.R. Hire Program, students participate in a project-based career exploration program 20 hours per week for six weeks and receive a wage for their participation.

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The program curriculum includes units on Professional Development, Leadership Development, Financial Literacy, College and Career Exploration, Field Trips, Resume Writing, Writing a Business Plan, Successful response to an RFP, and Community-Based Problem Solving.

Impact

Participants in the program have demonstrated an increase in knowledge of:

- At least two career areas
- Workforce readiness
- Financial literacy
- Leadership, problem-solving and community organizing

Program participants engage with at least two academic departments/programs. This year's departments include Knowlton School of Architecture-City and Regional Planning, Fisher College of Business and the Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing.

OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED

OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT
KNOWLTON SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING
FISHER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
JOHN GLENN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY
CENTER FOR THE STUDY AND TEACHING OF WRITING

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED

MAYOR MICHAEL B. COLEMAN
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
(DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, HUMAN RESOURCES, DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION)
COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
CENTRAL OHIO WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION
ST. STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY HOUSE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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